

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An image-receiving element comprising a mixture of large and small particles wherein ~~at least one of said large and said small particles is~~ are shelled with a material providing image fade resistance and wherein said large particles and said small particles have a ratio of from 65:35 to 35:65.
2. (canceled).
3. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles have a median particle size of between 80 and 140 nm.
4. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles have a median particle size of between 20 and 180 nm.
5. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles have a median particle size of between 200 and 500 nm.
6. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles have a median particle size of between 200 and 300 nm.
7. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles and said small particles have a ratio of from 80:20 to 20:80.
8. (canceled).

9. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said element has a porosity of greater than about 40%.

10. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said element has a porosity from about 50 to 70%.

11. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said element has a 60° gloss of greater than 15.

12. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said element has a 60° gloss of greater than 25.

13. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles have a particle size distribution with a standard deviation of less than 50 nm.

14. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles have a particle size distribution with a standard deviation of between 1 and 25 nm.

15. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles have a particle size distribution with a standard deviation of less than 150 nm

16. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles have a particle size distribution with a standard deviation of between 10 and 100 nm.

17. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles comprise fumed silica.

18. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said large particles have an irregular shape.

19. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles comprise colloidal silica.

20. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles are generally spherical.

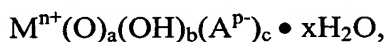
21. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said small particles are generally symmetrical.

22. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said material providing fade resistance comprises hydrolyzable organosilanes.

23. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said material providing fade resistance comprises aluminasilicate polymers.

24. (original) The image-receiving element of claim 1 wherein said material providing fade resistance comprises metal oxyhydroxy complexes.

25. (new) The image-receiving material of claim 24 wherein said metal oxyhydroxy complexes comprise



wherein

M is at least one metal ion;

n is 3 or 4;

A is an organic or inorganic ion;

p is 1, 2 or 3; and

x is equal to or greater than 0;

with the proviso that when n is 3, then a, b and c each comprise a rational number as follows: $0 < a < 1.5$; $0 < b < 3$; and $0 \leq pc < 3$, so that the charge of the M^{3+} metal ion is balanced;

and when n is 4, then a, b and c each comprise a rational number as follows: $0 < a < 2$; $0 < b < 4$; and $0 \leq pc < 4$, so that the charge of the M^{4+} metal ion is balanced.